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February 22, 2013

MR. ROBERT HARMS, TREASURER NORTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY 1029 N. 5TH STREET BISMARCK, ND 58501

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00018929

Response Due Date 03/29/2013

REFERENCE: AMENDED STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, RECEIVED 02/08/2013

## Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Your committee has checked the box for Line 5(a) which is used by a candidate's principal campaign committee. However, Commission records indicate that your committee is a party committee. Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

If your committee has not been authorized by a candidate to act on their behalf as evidenced on their Statement of Candidacy, please do not check the box for Line 5(a). If your committee is responsible for the day-to-day operation of a political party, then please complete the information for Line 5(d). Please refer to 2 U.S.C.§433 and 11 CFR §102.2 and the instructions for the Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) for further information.

**2.** Please clarify your relationship, if any, with "Target State Victory Fund", which appears to be a Joint Fundraising Representative. For further guidance on the question of affiliation, please refer to 11 CFR §100.5(g) and §110.3. If "Target State Victory Fund" is a Joint Fundraising Representative of your committee, you should amend your Statement of Organization to check the "Joint Fundraising Representative" box on Line 6.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an

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enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1173.

Sincerely,

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